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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6857

BILL NUMBER: HB 1373

DATE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Advertising Signs for Alcoholic Beverages.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill eliminates the prohibition against an alcoholic beverage primary source of supply or a wholesaler selling or giving an illuminated advertising sign to a retail or dealer permittee. The bill also eliminates the prohibition against a retail or dealer permittee being the recipient of an illuminated advertising sign.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill removes provisions concerning illuminated signs that advertise alcoholic beverages. Under current law, a person who violates these provisions commits a Class B misdemeanor.

This bill has the potential of having a minimal impact on the number of Class B misdemeanor proceedings heard in court. If fewer court cases occur and fewer fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund and the state General Fund would decrease. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. Criminal fines are deposited in the Common School Fund. If the case is filed in a circuit, superior, county or municipal court (courts of record), 70% of the \$120 court fee that is assessed and collected when a guilty verdict is entered would be deposited in the state General Fund. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 55% of the fee would be deposited in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill could decrease jail expenses. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail. The average daily cost to incarcerate a prisoner in a county jail is approximately \$44.

Explanation of Local Revenues: If fewer court actions occur, local governments would receive less court

fee revenue.

State Agencies Affected: Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Don Okey, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 232-2463.